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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Conversation with [redacted] re
Combat Readiness Concept for Detachment A

1. Following your departure from [redacted] Strip the other day, I managed to spend a profitable two hours with [redacted] and among the things discussed was that he stated that he cannot discharge his responsibilities to General LeMay properly - as far as certifying to the combat readiness of Detachment A is concerned - unless and until Detachment A is assembled as a unit at [redacted] Strip prior to the deployment overseas of any of its echelons, in order that he may lay upon [redacted] one or more simulated missions utilizing those methods and techniques of operations, i.e., flight, communications and supply, which will later be employed overseas.

2. If I recall correctly, it was your feeling that it might not be possible for Detachment A to be assembled in this fashion at one place in the [redacted] prior to its departure and convocation overseas. In view of the fact that both Security and Commo have designated their Detachment A personnel, and in both instances are planning on withdrawing them from [redacted] for retraining at Headquarters, not to return there prior to deployment, I wonder if there is not a chance that unwittingly we may be following a course of action opposite to that which [redacted] requires in the fulfillment of his commitment. If this is a matter which was discussed between you and [redacted] at the informal meeting held at [redacted] on 13 December, I apologise for bringing it up, but since I was not there and because [redacted] did not indicate directly that it had been touched upon, I thought it should be brought to your attention.

3. Personally, I can see considerable merit to [redacted] requirement as stated since far less technical operations have profited immeasurably from this kind of exercise and simply because a great deal of our effectiveness in the field will be measured in the manner in which we are able to function as a team.

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25X1 4. This does bring some problems on us in view of the limited accommodations at [redacted] However, we can augment our temporary housing facilities there in several ways; i.e., [redacted] informed us that he has already had a 3rd bunk set up in each of 36 dormitory rooms in barracks B and C. In addition, in an emergency, we could use the [redacted] down the road from [redacted] I do recommend that we adopt this course of action suggested by [redacted] if you are not already of that mind and, once having so done, that we inform the participating offices so that they may be able to properly reschedule their Headquarters training of Detachment A personnel.

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